

PRESIDENT: State your point, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. President and members, I have the great honor to present to members of this Legislature the Governor's appointment to the United States Senate, the gentleman who will be filling the seat vacated by the untimely death of Senator Ed Zorinsky. May I present to you, under the south balcony, Mr. David Karnes. Will you please welcome him, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Karnes, would you please step out from behind Senator Beyer so we can see you. Thank you very much, and congratulations to you, and we are very happy to have you with us this morning. Please stop by once in awhile and see how we are doing. We wish you the greatest of success in your new venture. Congratulations, again. Thank you.

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SPEAKER BARRETT: May I ask the members now to return to their desks, please. We will attempt to process a little more legislation. While we are waiting for members to return to their seats, Senator Conway has some guests in the north balcony, seven foreign exchange students from Wayne, Nebraska and their spokesman. Would you folks stand and be recognized, please. We appreciate your taking the time to visit the Nebraska Legislature. Members, please return to their seats. We are discussing the Chambers motion to bracket LB 123 to a time certain. I would like to recognize the first speaker, Senator Pirsch, followed by Senators Higgins and McFarland. Senator Pirsch on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR PIRSCH: (Microphone not activated) ...first two minute to Senator Ashford.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch yields her first two minutes to Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you. I've known Dave Karnes practically all my life, and I must say that if it weren't for Little League sports neither of us would probably be here today, I don't know, but.... (Laughter.) For Mr. Karnes or for me, I don't know. I would just simply conclude my remarks on this bill by trying to tell you again why we are here with LB 123. - What we are doing is simply establishing a standard for a very narrow group of individuals in our society, and that would be the volunteers.